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In re Application of

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Jarman et al.

Application No. 09/862,917

ON PETITION

Filed: May 22, 2001

For: UTILITY METERING SYSTEM INCORPORATING A TRANSACTION

AUTHORISATION SYSTEM

This is a decision in response to the Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 23, 2004, to revive the aboveidentified application.

This Petition is hereby granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action, mailed May 22, 2003. The Office action set a three (3) month period for reply, and provided for extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a). No proper reply having been received, the application became abandoned on March 14, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 6, 2004.

With the instant petition, Petitioner has satisfied the requirements of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b). An Amendment in response to the May 22, 2003 Office action is filed with the instant petition. Accordingly, the petition is granted.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 3629 for processing of the Amendment, filed August 23, 2004, in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0014.

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